

Construction Update

January 26, 2018

Thank you for joining us at the public meeting this week. Exhibits and presentation content will be added to columbus.gov/highstreet soon.

PRE-WORK WRAPPING UP

Crews are nearly finished removing trees, stumps and grates, and then filling the voids back with concrete to create a pedestrian pathway. Given the mild weather in recent days, removals are nearly complete and temporary concrete pedestrian pathways are scheduled to be complete by the end of next week. New trees will be replanted throughout the work zone once construction is complete toward the end of 2018.

UNDERGROUND WORK

Underground work began earlier this month and is scheduled to be complete before March 24. These activities are the essential foundation for a new street lighting system, a new traffic signal system, improved water services and enhancements to storm drainage.

This workflow is taking place in a successive, wave-like fashion to minimize the occurrence of long, direct impacts to each block. Instead, expect direct impacts to occur several times in shorter durations starting north at W. Starr Ave. and moving southward to E. Poplar Ave.

Parking Impacts

As crews move southward, expect new parking restrictions to go up. Similarly, once an area is cleared, expect previously-restricted parking to be restored as possible.

When work progresses south of The Castle Building (965 N. High St.), expected to take place mid-February, parking meters will be removed in the work zone and no parking will be permitted in the work zone itself. When the zone is clear, expect to see parking made available without meters. Restrictions from 2 a.m.-6 a.m. will be placed and enforced.

Bike Rack Movement

The CoGo bike station located at High St. and E. 2nd Ave. will be temporarily relocated to Mount Pleasant Ave. and E. 2nd Ave. (one block east) during the later parts of next week. The Station previously located on Lincoln, east of High Street has been relocated temporarily to Warren, just east of High Street.

Conduit Installation: E. Lincoln St. to Brickel St.

All meters between E. Lincoln and Brickel streets are now bagged and are expected to stay bagged through Friday, Feb. 2. This is for the installation of conduit underground on the east side of High St.

underneath the sidewalk. This conduit is the backbone for new communication facilities that will be placed underground.

Expect a short term, one- to two-day closure of Brickel St. when the conduit crosses Brickel St. at High St. This closure is anticipated late next week.

Work hours and noise impacts:

- Next week, work between Lincoln and Brickel streets will occur each day from 5 a.m. until 5 p.m.
- Work will include jack hammering and sawing which are noisy.
- The loudest activities will not occur before 7 a.m. each day. Jack hammering and sawing will not be permitted before 7 a.m. Trenching and removal of material, however, will be permitted to start at 5 a.m.
- These work hours have been established to conduct the greatest volume of work possible before a majority of businesses open each day.

Lighting and Interconnect Work

Crews have started installation of the underground conduit at Starr Ave. and are moving southward to E. Poplar Ave.

W. Starr Ave. to Price Ave./E. 1st Ave.

Lighting and interconnect work recently began at W. Starr Ave. and is progressing steadily southward at 100-200 feet per day. Crews are pacing to be complete in the block between W. Starr Ave. to E. 1st Ave. by mid- to late- February. Parking meter heads will be removed and restored as work progresses south. Parking in the construction area will not be permitted.

Work will then continue southward toward W. Poplar Ave. Traffic will be shifted to the east side of High St. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained and pedestrian traffic on each side of High St. will also be maintained.

Water Services

This week, construction crews wrapped up an excavation of a water main at High Street and 2nd Ave.; the trench was filled in with concrete when work was finished.

Storm Sewer

Beginning Monday, Jan. 29, storm sewer installation begins at W. Starr Ave. As with other underground work, it will progress southward, generally following behind the conduit crew.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

711 NORTH HIGH

Work is currently under way on the structural steel framing of this development which will be followed by the pouring of concrete slabs on deck for each level. This work continues until the end of February.

Traffic impacts: The southbound parking lane of N. High St. directly in front of 711 N. High St. remains closed during working hours. Pedestrian access on the west side of N. High St. continues to be maintained as well.

750 NORTH HIGH (BOLLINGER TOWER)

Demolition activities are scheduled to start in March, with construction scheduled to start in April 2018 and last for approximately 12 months. No traffic impacts are anticipated at this time. Once demolition activities begin, the existing surface parking lot behind Bollinger Tower will no longer be accessible.

800 NORTH HIGH (MOXY HOTEL)

During build-out, the far east lane of High St. is closed and all east-side meters between Hull St. and E. Hubbard Ave. are bagged. This will remain until completion, set for August 2019. Excavation activities continue with truck traffic gaining access to High St. from E. Hubbard Ave.

Coming in mid- to late-February there will be a short-term (two to three days) full closure of E. Hubbard Ave. between High St. and N. Pearl St. More information to follow as this timing is solidified.

900 NORTH HIGH

Steel work has begun. This is not expected to create additional impact to vehicular or pedestrian traffic flow. Completion is set for early February.

965 NORTH HIGH (THE CASTLE)

Work continues within the limits of the construction fence. Interior work, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing and drywall continues on schedule within the building. Work also continues on the panel installations at the building envelopes at the East Tower and North Tower.

Traffic impacts: The parking lane and westernmost travel lane of southbound N. High St. are currently closed. Pedestrians have been rerouted to the eastern sidewalk on N. High St. between W. Starr Ave. and W. 2nd Ave. This will be in place for the next week. Once the Streetscape project work is clear of this area, pedestrians will be moved back to a pedestrian walkway on the western side of N. High St. between W. Starr Ave. and W. 2nd Ave.

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